



# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD AND CITY ATTORNEY GOLDSMITH TO HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE A REFORM PROPOSAL THAT WOULD INCLUDE REMOVING CAPS ON THE NUMBER OF TAXICAB MEDALLIONS IN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**When:** Thursday, August 28, 2014, 11:30 am

**Where:** Outdoor Plaza Area of the City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego

**What:** Councilmember Marti Emerald, City Attorney Jan Goldsmith and others will be addressing the media on recent efforts made to address concerns raised regarding San Diego's taxicab industry

**Who:** Marti Emerald Councilmember, District Nine  
Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney  
Jill Esbenshade, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, SDSU  
Sarah Saez, Program Director, United Taxi Workers of San Diego

**Why:** To announce a reform proposal that would include removing caps on the number of taxicab medallions in the City of San Diego.

Critical issues regarding the age and mileage of taxicab vehicles, unfavorable working conditions for drivers, and disputes between permit holders and drivers were presented to the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee during their July special meeting. Policy directions to address these issues were adopted by the committee; these included new age restrictions for vehicles and beginning the stages of standardized contracts.

An item that drew hundreds of taxicab drivers to the meeting had to do with the current cap on the number of city issued taxicab permits, as many of these issues stemmed from the current policy. To help address this issue, the committee requested legal support from City Attorney Jan Goldsmith's office who at this news conference will be sharing his report, "Removing the Current Limitation on the Number of Taxicab Permits."

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